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PROBLEM

To consider alternative future courses of events in the [redacted] and the problems each poses for the United States.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

OIC requested funds in the amount of $150,000 (approximately $65,000 for FY 1954 and $82,000 for FY 1955) to be taken from the amount budgeted for [redacted]. It was stated that the intent of the project had been presented to the PSB by the DCI and PSB approval was obtained. The Committee took cognizance of certain observations that the project appeared extremely wide in scope and that additional staffing and coordination would be in order to ascertain the resulting benefits to the interested offices and agencies in the national security area. It was stated that comments and suggestions have already been solicited from IAC members. Cognizance was also taken of the Comptroller's observation concerning the advisability of committing any firm amount of money for FY 1955.

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ACTION

At its meeting on 16 September 1953 the Project Review Committee approved subject project in principle, approved the amount of $6[illegible],000 for FY 1954, and approved $82,000 for FY 1955 subject to the availability of funds. The approval in principle was also qualified by the statement that the project sponsor, OIC, will make every effort to meet the requirements of all interested parties in the subject and particularly DD/P. The PRC will not further concern itself with the terms of reference within which the project is conducted, but any disputes arising from participating parties will be referred to the DCI for resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Director approve $6[illegible],000 for FY 1954, and $82,000 for FY 1955 subject to the availability of funds, on the understanding that OIC will take proper steps to insure that the requirements of all IAC agencies, and in particular DD/P, will be considered in the final terms of reference of the project given to [redacted], and additionally that any disputes among participants as to the terms of reference will be referred to the DCI for resolution.

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